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COUNTY DEMOCRATIC MEETINGS TO BE HELD

During the Coming Week to Be Addressed by Local Candidates.

The Putnam county democratic campaign committee appointed by Chairman J. H. Haughton of the Democratic Executive Committee at the meeting of that committee last week, has arranged a number of meetings to be held in the county during the coming week.

These meetings will be addressed by Senator Middleton, Representatives McKenzie and Tighman, County Judge-elect, J. C. Calhoun, Hon. S. J. Hilborn and others, and all candidates for county offices are expected to be present to say a word in behalf of the regular nominees of the party.

The meetings have been appointed as follows:

Francis (Silver Lake) Tuesday at noon, Oct. 31st.
Bostwick, Wednesday noon, Nov. 1.
Florahome, Thursday night, Nov. 2.
Rodman, Friday night, Nov. 3rd.
Palatka (Court House) Saturday night, Nov. 4th.

It is possible that some additional speakers sent by the State Executive Committee may appear at some of these meetings in addition to the regular county democratic candidates, a requisition for them having already been made.

A Long Trip for Ladies.

Two ladies registered and spent Monday night at the Saratoga Hotel. They were registered simply as Helen C. Wadhams and Mary C. Wright, Milford, Connecticut. They had driven through from their home town and their destination was Lake Como, Fla., a pretty little winter resort some twenty miles south (by road) from Palatka. They took an early start and should have been at their destination by 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. These ladies traveled in a Ford roadster, and had been eleven days making the trip.

His Old-Time Oratory.

The Gainesville Sun of yesterday in telling of the democratic rally at Micaheny on Tuesday evening says:

"The last speaker was Hon. R. W. Davis, one of the ablest campaigners in Florida, who reviewed the political history of the State, showed what the party had done for the State and Nation, compared Knott and Catts as men and citizens, and appealed for harmony within the party."

"Several interruptions came from the Catts' supporters during speaking, but the meeting was very successful throughout. Col. Davis convinced his hearers that he had not lost the fire of his old time oratory."

The Same Loyal Democrat.

Hon. Robt. W. Davis (Our Bob) has tendered his services to the Alachua County Democratic Club and will make a number of speeches in the county in behalf of the Democratic nominees during the next two weeks. Except for the fact that his official duties require his presence in Gainesville during certain hours each day in the week Col. Davis would have tendered his services to the State Committee to speak in behalf of Wm. V. Knott and the other Democratic nominees throughout the State, and no one regrets more than he that he has to confine his work to Alachua county. Bob Davis responded to the call of his country in the sixties, being one of the youngest men to enlist in the Confederate army, and has never failed to respond to the call of the Democratic party, for the nominees of which he has voted and labored since he became of age.—Gainesville Sun.

Von Engelken is Active.

Col. F. J. H. von Engelken, of East Palatka, director of the United States Mint, is not confining his activities to the work of his office, but is just now accompanying the Farm Loan Board on its southern trip by invitation, and is to participate in the hearings before the board at the different points including Jacksonville. From Jacksonville Col. von Engelken expects to come home for a few days.

On Thursday of last week Col. von Engelken submitted to an interview in the Washington Times, which same was sent all over the country by the Associated Press, and in which he analyzed the present soaring of prices as due to the prosperity of the nation. "With more gold in its vaults," said he, "more money circulated, and the greatest export trade in history, the United States today is at once reaping a golden harvest and—to mix the metaphor—paying the piper; the piper being the high cost of living."

"The high cost of living," he said, "is a creature of our own creation."

"The United States is normally a borrowing nation. Capital utilized for construction in the past has been recruited largely abroad. Our economic affairs consequently have been adjusted to meet the customary outflow of money required to pay our interest bills in foreign countries."

"The sudden reversal of this condition, the retention of interest payments at home, coupled with a reversal of the usual trade conditions, presents an unusual and extraordinary economic problem. For the present we are reaping a golden harvest, and are spending it in our turn with a prodigal hand."

QUALIFIED VOTERS IN PUTNAM COUNTY

Reaches Total of 2,301, of Which 1,763 are White and 538 Colored.

Capt. Henis Petermann, supervisor of registration, has only this week completed weeding out the dead and removed and compiling an up-to-date registration list of those who are qualified to vote in Putnam county in the approaching general election.

The list of qualified voters will be published this week in the Times-Herald. Those names which have been stricken from the list are published in another column of this paper. This list consists of those voters who have died, or have removed during the past four years.

The qualified list shows a total of 2,301 voters, of which number 1,763 are white, and 538 are colored.

The number of negro voters will be a disappointment to many of that race. Several hundred more had paid their poll tax and thought themselves qualified, but somehow they failed to register. That is true to a lesser degree among white voters. They got the notion that because they registered for the primary that was all they had to do. The News has been pointing out this false notion for several weeks.

Now and then you will find a negro who is a democrat, but they are few. Those who registered in the primary looks as democrats have been long in the land and look upon the democratic party as their friend. It hasn't been trying to use them. It has stood for getting them a fair deal, but draws the line at elevating them to official place. It isn't asking their votes under the false notion that they are to get something in return that looks like an office. The democratic party pledges that the negro shall have a square deal and that he shall have every opportunity to make of himself a useful citizen; it opens to him the door of opportunity, but not the door of official place. For this one reason he has not been a democrat, if for no other. The negro is a republican because that party feeds him on promises. They are false promises, of course, but the negro hasn't fully realized that yet. Once in a while he gets an inkling that he is merely being used by designing politicians, and begins to bolt, but he's soon won back by more false promises and the story of Abe Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. He prefers to make his bed with republicans and sinners.

Maybe when he divides into separate political camps the white man will divide, but just now the great bulk of Florida and other southern states' white men are democrats. When you see a white republican put him down as a member of the federal republican machine. Though here and there you will find one that was born that way and can't get out of the republican habit.

Democrats as a rule will support the party nominees; they look upon an independent as a down-and-outter who hasn't awakened to his real condition. They are sorry for him and show their charity by listening patiently to his tale of woe. But they rarely help him with a vote.

The Putnam county registration list looks like a big democratic vote this year, but it isn't as good as it looks. This is a presidential year and great quantities of republican money has been sent into this and other southern states with the view of breaking democracy's hold.

Men who are willing to listen to reason know that there was no other purpose in the campaign of Billy Parker and those northern politicians whom he has been representing, then to break up the democratic party. The Roman hierarchy, or the "menace" of the Catholic church was used to play upon the prejudices of the ignorant, the unthinking and the narrow-minded who harbored these fears. A secret organization was used to bind men together. The headquarters of the order is in Philadelphia, and a paper called The American Citizen was sent broadcast through the state to stir up strife and cater to religious prejudices.

Well, we have the prejudice and it has been spread out among the 1,700 white democratic voters of the county and has caught some of them in the net of independence. Now, however, that they are beginning to understand that the net is really made of independent strings many are struggling to get through the meshes. Hundreds have succeeded. They now see that the man Catts is an independent candidate, and your average Florida democrat has little sympathy with politicians of that breed. A republican can be a man of principle; he at least belongs to an organization of men who work for certain principles. But the independent—he's just a selfish individual with an exaggerated notion of his own importance, and—they pass him up.

Mr. Knott, the regular democratic nominee for Governor, will carry Putnam county by a big majority, no matter what these loud-voiced fanatics may say to the contrary. The editor of their organ in this county is not even a citizen of the United States and has only lived in the country a few years. When he gets to know the people of Putnam county better, he'll wake to the notion that it takes something more than a fake alarm to scatter them politically.

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GIRLS CANNING CLUB FALL PRIZE CONTEST

To Be Held in Palatka Nov. 4th—List of Prizes Offered.

Miss Josephine Sippell, Home Demonstration Agent for the Girls Canning Club work in Putnam county, announces that—

The annual fall contest for the Canning Club girls of Putnam county will be held at board of trade rooms, Saturday, Nov. 4th, 1916. All enrolled club girls are requested to attend and bring an exhibit if possible. All record books and essay booklets must be sent in at least three days before the contest, that they may be properly graded.

All who are sending in exhibits, please have them in by evening of Nov. 3rd, in order that they may be arranged.

During the past few months the following donations have been made for prizes to the Girls Canning Club:

East Florida Savings & Trust Co., \$5.00 in gold.

Putnam National bank, \$5.00, gold.

Earnest Co., (mdse), \$5.00.

Browning-Fearnside Co., \$5.00.

J. H. Yelverton, Jr., (mdse) \$5.00.

Tilghman Hardware Co., aluminum coffee perculator.

Drs. Johnson and Welch, chair.

C. E. Rowton, No. 1 Brownie camera.

Miss Kate Lucas (mdse) \$1.00.

City Drug Store, box stationery.

Economy Grocery, \$1.00.

Ackerman-Stewart, bottle perculator.

J. T. Bond (mdse) \$1.50.

C. J. Smith (jewelry) \$2.00.

To the first prize winner of Putnam county Mrs. Okel Painter Williams of Jacksonville, is giving a gold watch, or its equivalent in value.

The Woman's Club of Palatka generously donated \$14 toward sending a girl to the short course at Tallahassee.

Prize List Putnam Co. Canning Club.

Prize 1—Gold watch.

Prize 2—Money for short course, \$20.00.

Prize 3—\$5 in gold and box of stationery.

Prize 4—\$5.00 in gold.

Prize 5—\$5.00 in mdse.

Prize 6—\$2.00 in mdse.

Prize 7—\$1.50 in mdse.

Prize 8—Bottle of perfume.

Special Prizes.

1 Best loaf of bread—Aluminum coffee perculator.

2 Best cap and apron—\$1.00 mdse.

3 Fancy work—Camera.

4 Club exhibit—\$5.00 in mdse.

5 Essay book—Chair.

The school board furnishes club pins to girls sending in good record books.

There will be speaking by local interested persons at board of trade Saturday a. m., Nov. 4th. Miss Harriette B. Layton of Tallahassee will also be here.

Everyone is most cordially invited to come and see the exhibit and hear the speaking.

Presbyterian Church.

Services next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. C. M. Alford, D. D. Sunday school will meet at 9:45 a. m., superintendent, F. T. Merrill. Midweek prayer service on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

A cordial welcome to all these services. Dr. Alford's Sunday morning topic will be, "The Pattern of Life." Evening topic, "Watching Christ."

Honoring Mrs. Ashby.

The Ladies Aid society of the Baptist church tendered their retiring president, Mrs. J. T. Ashby, and her mother, Mrs. Anna Eggan, a farewell party last Friday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Munch. The affair was planned for these ladies who left Tuesday for their new home in Lakeland. The society presented Mrs. Ashby with a cut glass basket filled with carnations as a token of appreciation. The guests were served cream and cake after a pleasant afternoon.

Woman's Club Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's club this afternoon in the Putnam House, and after a short business session in which the subject of the club house will be discussed, Mrs. H. M. de Montmolin will have charge of the civics program and promises a treat for the members. She will present a resume of the previous work; results accomplished, and her hopes for future successes.

Miss Mulholland will follow with a paper of interest to all on "Civic Government," and Miss Ida Leib will read a paper on "Sanitation."

The members are urged to be prompt in attendance at 3 o'clock sharp.

A DIRTY ATTACK ON GOVERNOR TRAMMELL

And Senator Fletcher Made by Catts' Principle Organ.

The Jacksonville Free Press, principal organ of the Catts' organization in this State, has made a most unjustifiable attack on Gov. Trammell, one of the cleanest men in Florida public life, and perhaps the best loved among all our public men.

In an editorial in the Free Press on October 12th, this scurrilous attack is made on Gov. Trammell:

"FLORIDA HAS IN EFFECT A DESPOTIC THRONE; AND UPON IT SITS AS RULER SOME PUPPET OF DESPOTISM AND PERFDY, PLIANT AS POTTER'S CLAY TO THE WILES OF THE DEVIL. GOV. TRAMMELL MAY NOT BE A FIGURE HEAD, BUT HE IS MERELY THE BALLET OF THE INVISIBLE THRONE OF A DIABOLICAL DESPOTISM AND THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR HERE AT ANY TIME MIGHT BE CALLED UPON TO ENFORCE THE MANDATES OF THAT INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT WHICH FLORIDA IS NOW RESOLVED TO OVERTURN AT ANY COST."

New, what do you good Floridians think of that? This is the drive of a recent importation into the State who is spending republican money in an effort to break up the Democratic, or white man's party. Not content with this vicious attack on Gov. Trammell, he makes the following threat to Senator Fletcher, a man who for ten years has graced the United States Senate and whose ability has been recognized the world over as one of the greatest of our American statesmen, a patriot and a man of exemplary private life.

Here is the threat which appeared as an editorial in this Free Press of Jacksonville, this Catts organ, on Oct. 19th:

"IF SENATOR FLETCHER OPENS HIS MOUTH OR LIFTS HIS PEN TO DEFEND THIS STEAL OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS FRAUD BY SAYING OR ASSENTING TO THE STATEMENT THAT CATTS IS NOT THE TRUE NOMINEE; OR THAT KNOTT IS THE TRUE NOMINEE, WHY, MR. FLETCHER WILL NOT GO BACK TO THE SENATE. GET THAT!"

These two editorials taken in connection with Mr. Catts' previous violent assaults on President Wilson, his continued failure to support the Democratic Presidential electors in this state; the further fact that Catts' campaign literature and similar literature in behalf of Coffin, the Prohibition party candidate for Congress, against Frank Clark is being circulated in the latter's district by the same persons; the further fact that Catts' campaign literature in behalf of John K. Cheney, Republican candidate for the Supreme Bench, against Judge R. F. Taylor, Democratic candidate, is being circulated and distributed by the same individuals, and the further fact that Billy Parker is advocating the election of the Republican presidential ticket in this State, shows conclusively that the Catts' organization, while devoting its principal energy to the election of its gubernatorial candidate, it is also undoubtedly doing everything in its power to tear down, disrupt and destroy the Democratic party in this State.

The New Order.

The Palatka Gas Light & Fuel Co. on Wednesday afternoon completed the cut-over which changes its electric current from the old 133 cycle system to the new standard 60 cycle system. Work in preparation for this transfer has been going on for some time.

The change was made under direction of C. F. Baker, chief engineer of the Southern Utilities Co., R. E. L. Mann, local manager, and M. H. Hummel the electrical superintendent. The company is being congratulated upon the success of this transfer.

How to Do Your Own Plumbing Without Calling an Expert.

When the sink, bathtub or wash bowl has become clogged one may easily remedy this instead of sending for the plumber. Take a piece of old garden hose the desired length, fit one end over the faucet and the other over the drain, so that no air escapes. Now turn on the water. The direct pressure will remove the obstruction within a few minutes.

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